

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/760,792

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): ~~Telecommunication~~ A telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using a sending terminal to a receiver using a receiving terminal and comprising a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ~~way~~ways being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with an activation ~~mechanism~~mechanism, coupled to said protection ~~mechanism~~mechanism, for activating at least one of said modes in dependence of ~~on~~at least control information originating from said sender and representing a category of the transported information,

said system being further characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a billing mechanism coupled to said activation mechanism for billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

2. (canceled).

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3. (currently amended): ~~Telecommunication~~ The telecommunication system according to claim 1, characterised in that said control information represents an economic value of said information to be transported.

4. (currently amended): ~~Telecommunication~~ The telecommunication system according to claim 3, characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a returning mechanism ~~for for~~, in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said economic value.

5. (currently amended): ~~Terminal A terminal~~ for use in a telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using said terminal to a receiver using a further terminal, which telecommunication system comprises a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ~~way ways~~ being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with further comprising:

an activation mechanism coupled to said protection mechanism for activating at least one of said modes in dependence ~~of on~~ at least control information originating from said ~~terminal~~ terminal and representing a category of the transported information; and

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a billing mechanism coupled to said activation mechanism for billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

6. (currently amended): ~~Terminal~~ The terminal according to claim 5, characterised in that said control information represents an economic value of said information to be transported.

7. (currently amended): ~~Terminal~~ A terminal for use in a telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using said terminal to a receiver using a further terminal, which terminal comprises a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ~~way~~ ways being mutually different, ~~whereby~~ said telecommunication system is provided with comprising:

an activation mechanism to be coupled to said protection mechanism for activating at least one of said modes in dependence of ~~on~~ at least control information originating from said ~~sender~~ sender and representing a category of the transported information; and

a billing mechanism coupled to said activation mechanism for billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

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8. (currently amended): ~~Terminal~~ The terminal according to claim 7, characterised in that said control information represents an economic value of said information to be transported.

9. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ A method for transporting information from a ~~sender~~ sender, using a sending ~~terminal~~ terminal, to a receiver using a receiving ~~terminal~~ terminal, and comprising the step of ~~protecting~~ protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said method further comprises the steps of ~~receiving~~ receiving, from said sender, control information ~~from~~ said ~~sender~~ representing an economic value of said information to be transported, and ~~in~~ in dependence ~~of~~ on at least said control information, activating at least one of at least two modes comprising a first ~~mode~~ mode, for protecting said information according to a first protective ~~way~~ way, and a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ~~way~~ ways being mutually ~~different~~ different, and billing ~~said~~ sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

10. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 9, characterised in that said method comprises the step ~~of~~ —of, in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said economic value.

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